

DEBRIS TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

Supporting the City of West Fertilizer Plant Explosion – Meeting Date: May 1, 2013

Status of proposed landfill site in City of West (on John Nors Road; north of Tokio Road):

- the land is confirmed to be city owned
- still needs waste site application to be completed by City
- land still needs to be surveyed by County Commissioner and TCEQ (scheduled for Thursday)
- Plan is to use this site for segregation of debris

Status of Curbside Waste / ROW debris concerns:

- Debris is starting to pile up on the curbside throughout Zones B and C
- The mayor wants immediate action taken to remove this debris
- Preferred option is for current waste contract (Republic) to be extended to include disaster debris; Republic has offered solutions to address the issue; problem is that this option will not be reimbursable if Cat A Debris Removal is approved later
- The city needs to approve correctly worded documents for an Executive Order that will allow them to expedite a bidding process specifically for disaster related debris removal and to declare the debris as a health hazard; needs to meet FEMA regulations if reimbursement is going to be requested

The City is working with TCEQ to develop plan for an HHW Collection Site:

- Location is planned for the parking lot behind the Nursing Home
- Possibly working with “Keep Waco Beautiful” for staffing support
- Starting Saturday this week and running through Monday or Tuesday if possible

The destroyed apartment complex is a safety hazard:

- The owner is underinsured and does not have money to install security fencing
- The structure is unsafe and could collapse; some residents have attempted to enter building to retrieve personal items – this is unsafe
- The city wants to knock the building down to the ground; without debris removal
- The city will get a waiver from the property owner and needs to declare it a health hazard

Pat Hanger, FEMA PA, is coordinating with FEMA Region 6 and TDEM to provide examples of proper documentation that will be needed by the city to meet reimbursement requirement. Specifically, and example of an “Executive Order” that can be used for an expedited bidding process and also documents that can be used to authorize the city to knock down the apartment complex. The region will provide these documents to TDEM who will further coordinate with city officials.

A primary concern is that environmental regulations be followed in all demolition actions. Of particular concern is the requirement to strictly follow asbestos NESAHP regulations. Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), EPA establishes National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) including regulations related to the proper handling of asbestos contaminated debris under Asbestos NESHAP.

Next Meeting is Friday at 10:00 in Classroom 505